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Title:	IMAGE SENSOR AND TRANSPARENT COVER FOR THE SAME		

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 15, 16, and 18 were rejected as being anticipated by Onishi (US 5,859,421). Applicants traverse this rejection. Onishi does not disclose or suggest an image sensor including a transparent cover including a **transparent main body** of a synthetic resin, and a **transparent glass member** corresponding to the image reading region, as required by claims 1, 5, 15, and 16. Even if the glass cover (22) taught by Onishi is considered equivalent to the claimed transparent glass member, the reference does not suggest that the case (21) supporting the transparent glass cover (22) is transparent. Claims 1, 5, 15, and 16 require that both the main body and the glass member of the transparent cover are transparent. Onishi teaches a glass cover (22) that is transparent, however does not suggest a transparent main body